

DARENTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 19 April 2023
Jubilee Hall, Waller Park, Wood Lane, Darenth, Kent DA2 7LR

The Chairman reminded the Meeting of the protocol regarding the audio and visual recording of proceedings.

Councillor's Present: D Carey, T Hicks, S Holmes, T Prentice, D Risely and N Weavis (Chairman).

In Attendance: E Mote.

Visitors: PCSO's Prior and Keers from the Local Neighbourhood Policing Team plus two members of the public.

127/04/23: TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Cook, Gutteridge and Seymour.

128/04/23: TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

None received.

129/04/23: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15 MARCH 2023

RESOLVED: To approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 15 March 2023 as proposed by Councillor Hicks and Seconded by Councillor Risely.

130/04/23: TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, EXTERNAL AUTHORITIES AND AGENCIES

(a) **The Ship Sub-committee**

The Chairman confirmed that this matter would be discussed under Planning Agenda Item 133/04/23(a).

Streetlight Sub-committee

Councillor Hicks reported that the Streetlight Sub-Committee were still awaiting information from the Darenth Borough Councillor, Maria Kelly, Borough Brent Ward Members and Kent County Council

Local Neighbourhood Policing Team

PCSO Prior reported the continuing issues of nuisance motorbikes in Darenth Woods and confirmed that all relevant agencies were in contact with landowners regarding access points.

PCSO Prior informed the meeting that this would be the last she was able to attend ahead of her retirement in June 2023. The

Chairman thanked her for help and support over the years on behalf of the Parish Council.

Friends of Darenth Country Park

The Clerk confirmed that she had attended the Friends of Darenth Country Park meeting on 7 April 2023. It had been reported that several of the Poplar trees that had been taken down were being utilised by the Borough in Darenth Country Park and woods. Official minutes from the meeting would be provided to Members once received.

RESOLVED: To note information received.

131/04/23: ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Issues that have arisen or been raised since agenda production.

The Chairman sanctioned consideration of the annual review and adoption the following plans and policies ahead of the Internal Audit:

- Financial Regulations
- Standing Order
- Internal Audit Plan
- Internal Control Policy

RESOLVED: To adopt all plans and policies as presented.

132/04/23: FINANCE

(a)

To consider quotes for Waller Park changing room doors

Members were asked to consider and agree their preferred option from three quotations to replace three ageing doors that require replacement for building safety and security.

Members asked the Clerk to instruct T's & C's Building Services to carry out the work in line with their quote dated 28 March 2023 at a cost of £2,400 plus VAT.

RESOLVED: To replace three changing room doors and instruct necessary work.

(b)

To note increase in the interest rate for 60 Day Notice Business Account with Cambridge & Counties Bank

RESOLVED: To note the increase as presented

(c)

To consider request for £300.00 donation from Kent Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance

Members declined to make a donation as no specific budget had been set in respect of this. Members asked for this to be considered as an item for future budget-setting.

(d)

To agree Financial Statement as at 31 March 2023

RESOLVED: To agree Financial Statement as presented.

133/04/23: PLANNING

(a)

The Ship - DA/22/01444/FUL

Members were asked to approve further response to the Local Planning Authority following the sub-committee site meeting with the Applicant and Agent.

RESOLVED: To submit further response in support of the application following site meeting with the Applicant and Applicant's Agent.

(b) **To note KCC Highways Improvement**

Members were asked to note details in respect of proposed signage at Greenlands School from Kent County Council's Schemes Planning and Delivery Team

RESOLVED: To note the proposals.

(c) **To consider new applications**

DA/23/00315/FUL - 31 Coombfield Drive Darenth DA2 7LE

Demolition of existing rear conservatory, erection of a single storey rear extension and a part garage conversion.

Observations: Members noted the application

DA/23/00344/FUL – Land to the Rear of Hawks Crane Hire Ltd Green Street Green Road, Darenth DA2 8DX

Erection of a light industrial building for 3D printing (E Class), as well as parking and landscaping (retrospective application)

Observations: Members noted the application

DA/23/00432/FUL – 10 Redding Close Darenth DA2 6NB

Conversion of existing integral garage to habitable room with associated alterations to front elevation

Observations: Members noted the application and remained neutral providing there was no significant loss of parking

(d) **To note appeals and recent decisions made by the Planning Authority**

DA/22/00280/FUL - APPEAL REF: APP/T2215/D/22/3313571 The Nursery Green St Green Rd Dartford Kent

Erection of a single storey extension to link main dwelling and pool house and single storey side extension

Decision: AWAITING APPEAL DECISION

DA/23/00024/FUL - Darent Valley Hospital Darenth Wood Road Darenth

Two new plant rooms with associated works and ducting, one on the existing flat roof of the hospital at level 3 and one to the south of the main hospital buildings

Decision: PERMISSION GRANTED

DA/23/00129/LDC - 130 Coombfield Drive Darenth Kent DA2 7LH

Alterations to roof from hip to gable for dormer window with Juliette balcony in rear roof slope and roof lights in front roof slope in connection with providing additional rooms in the roof space

Decision: APPLICATION LAWFUL

DA/23/00131/FUL - 65 Coombfield Drive Darenth Kent

DA2 7LE

Erection of a part two/part first floor side extension incorporating conversion of attached garage to habitable room with associated alterations

Decision: PERMISSION GRANTED

(e)

To consider new applications/recent decisions received after agenda publication

DA/23/00459/FUL – 21 Moore Close Darenth DA2 6NN

Provision of a dormer window in rear elevation, roof lights in front elevations, window in gable in connection with providing additional rooms in the roof space

Observations: *Members noted the application*

134/04/23: DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members noted the proposed date for the Council Meeting of Wednesday 24 May 2023 preceded by the Annual Council Meeting at 7:15pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:10.